

9/11 The Day of Disaster

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The World Trade Center was a plaza of many businesses. The Twin Towers were the tallest of all of them. These buildings were used for a lot of businesses like insurance, finance, and all sorts of other offices for many companies.

The Twin Towers were a big tourist attraction. Inside were elevators to the top of the buildings where there were observation decks, where you could see far in every direction.



September 11th 2001 It started off as a typical morning in New York City.

People were working, seeing the sights, or even just going for a casual stroll.

Little did they know, today would change many lives forever.

8:14 AM

The FAA loses contact with flight 11.

At 8:34, one of the flight attendants manages to contact American Airlines.

She introduces herself as Betty.

She informs her airline about a possible hijacking on the plane.

She said the door to the cockpit won't open.

They have no way to contact anyone inside.

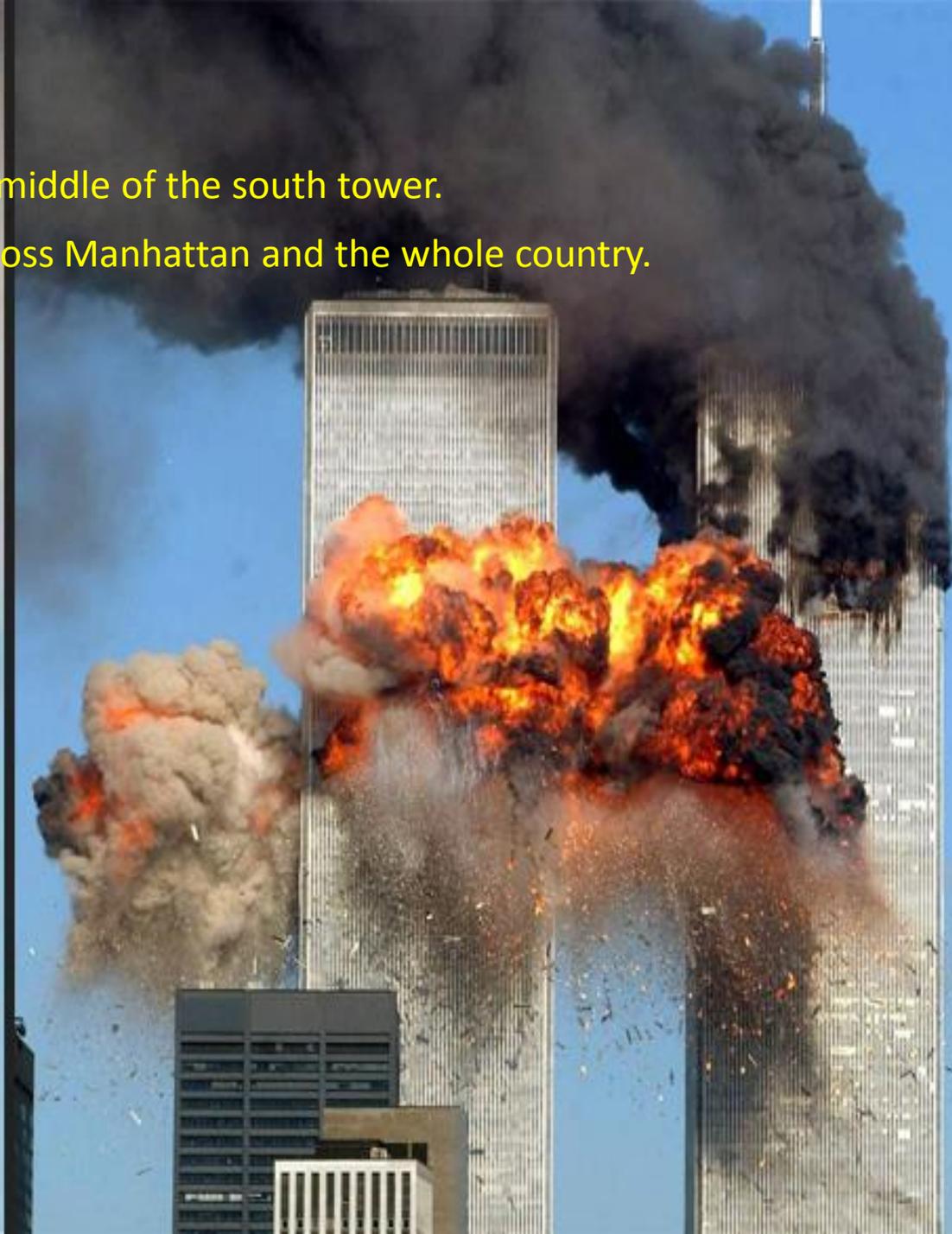
They don't have a clue who's in there.



9:03 AM

A second plane has flown into the middle of the south tower.

After seeing this, panic spreads across Manhattan and the whole country.



Once all planes are starting to land
19:37 AM
Mr Ben Sliney at the FAA is on his
the FAA notices flight 77, which was
He is facing a hard challenge trying
heading to LA, is miles off course.

This is footage from Washington.
After seeing the second plane hit the
The plane had shut off its transponder.
The Pentagon has just been struck.
And the FAA lost radio contact.

(This is an order to stop all flights)
Flight 77 has hit
America's defense HQ.
They are able to keep track however
The plane turns around and heads
east towards Washington.

Three planes was just too much for
Ben Sliney. He immediately orders that
all aircraft in the sky land at the nearest
airport.

By 9:44, the FAA spots a fourth plane.
Flight 93.

It originally was headed for San Francisco.
Now it's heading east towards
Washington D.C.



9:59 AM.

After almost fifty minutes, the south tower collapses.

People are running as the smoke fills the streets.



Shortly after, the plane the FAA was tracking crashes near Shanksville P.A. twenty minutes away from Washington D.C.

The passengers on the plane realized what was happening, took action, and crashed the plane to stop the hijackers from reaching their target.

10:28 AM.

Now, after about an hour and forty minutes after impact, the north tower collapses.

It is estimated that around three thousand people were killed in this incident.



After a few hours after the towers collapsed, President George W. Bush was flown to NYC from a school in Florida.

Standing at ground zero, he was handed a bullhorn.

He made his message loud and clear.
He announced to the crowd that
whoever did this to us, would pay.

George W Bush's speech:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7OCgMPX2mE>



Who would do such a thing? Who could be behind this?

The terrorist group Al-Qaeda and it's leader.

Osama Bin Laden.

Al-Qaeda is located in different locations throughout the Middle East.

In a previous attack, in 1993, Al-Qaeda attempted to take down the towers with bombs. These attacks failed however, and led to them trying again in 2001.

Al-Qaeda is a group that want to take over the world and spread Islam around the world. The reason Al-Qaeda attacked America is because we spread the idea that everyone is free and equal. They want to enslave the world and control everyone to obey the laws of their religion. (Islam.)



This event leads America to the War on Terror in Afghanistan.

George W. Bush signed a law to create the Department of Homeland Security in response to the attacks.

The Pentagon was eventually repaired.

What now sits where the towers once stood, people funded two memorials to be placed there.

After 9/11, America works to boost airport security, improve communication between the FBI and the CIA, and improve ways to Investigate suspicious actions.

America has worked hard since to increase security in popular places like sport stadiums, malls, etc.

It taught us that we have to remain vigilant.



Now, a beautiful new World Trade Center is being constructed right next to the 9/11 memorial. Businesses are starting to move into parts of the building that are now finished.

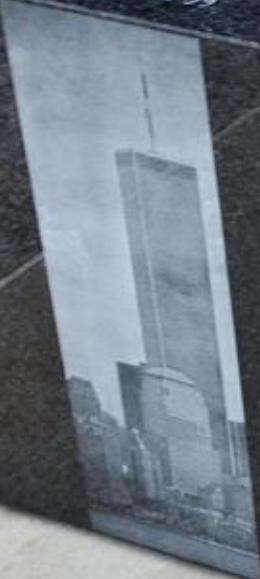
9/11 united Americans and renewed our patriotism. It reminded us about the freedoms that make the United States of America exceptional.



Never forget

8:46 AM

American Airlines Flight 11 crashes into
the south face of One World Trade
Center at approximately 466 mph between
floors 93 and 99



9:03 AM

United Airlines Flight 175 crashes into
the south face of Two World Trade
Center at approximately 590 mph between
floors 77 and 85



Click on these video links to learn more or to find bonus footage.

National Geographic documentary:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvJF_WVo9kk

Two 9/11 911 calls from the towers:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGLfSn4LBUy

Families of 9/11 victims and their final goodbyes.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=se38clQSolg

“The 9/11 Surfer”:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWdCzX1ieOw

Inside the twin towers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXkfs8KjRSc>

Plane hitting the south tower:

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